

## ***Texts that Engage and Delight Young Readers***

*This isn't a magic list. These books signify the spirit of the types of text that need be in the hands (and hearts!) of our early readers. - Debbie Miller*

### **Picture Books to Start the Year**

*How to Heal a Broken Wing* by Bob Graham

*My Lucky Day* by Keiko Kasza

*The Falling Raindrop* by Neil Johnson

*Duck! Rabbit!* by Amy Rosenthal and Tom Lichtenheld

*Ruby in Her Own Time* by Johathan Emmett

*The Little Yellow Leaf* by Carin Berger

*The Recess Queen* by Alexis O'Neill

*Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon* by Patty Lovell

*Odd Velvet*, by Mary Whitcomb

*Walk On!* by Marla Frazee

*Koala Lou* by Mem Fox

*Enemy Pie* by Derek Munson

*Ish* by Peter Reynolds

*Wolf's Coming!* by Joe Kukla

### **Nonfiction Books**

*Actual Size* by Steve Jenkins

*Animals Nobody Loves* by Seymour Simon

*Owen and Mzee* by Isabella Hatkoff

*Bat Loves the Night* by Nicola Davies

*Ice Bear* by Nicola Davies

*One Tiny Turtle* by Nicola Davies

## Nonfiction Books, continued

*Spiders* by Nic Bishop

*Growing Patterns* by Sarah Campbell

*Bugs Up Close* by Diane Swanson

National Geographic Readers

Zoo Books

## Wordless Books

*A Circle of Friends* by Giora Carmi

*Chalk* by Bill Thomson

*The Flower Man* by Steve Ludy

*The Wave* by Suzy Lee

*The Boy, Frog, and Dog* series by Mercer Mayer

*Why?* by Nicolai Popov

*My Dog Carl* by Alexander Day

**Song Books** (Consider multiple copies of these. Kids love them -- the rhythm and rhyme are infectious -- and they're fun to read with a partner!)

*Hush Little Baby* by Marla Frazee

*Little Rabbit Foo Foo* by Michael Rosen

*The Lady with the Alligator Purse* by Nadine Bernard Westcott

*Five Little Ducks* (and others) by Raffi

*The Itsy Bitsy Spider* by Iza Trapani

*Miss Mary Mack* by Nadine Bernard Westcott

*Oh, A Hunting We Will Go* by John Langstaff

*Hush Little Dragon*, by Boni Ashburn

## Predictable Books (Consider multiple copies—they're early reader favorites!)

*Tough Boris* by Mem Fox

*Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin, Jr.

*Who Took the Cookies from the Cookie Jar?* By Bonnie Lass and Philemon Sturge

*I Went Walking* by Sue Williams

*Let's Go Visiting* by Sue Williams

*Witch, Witch Come to my Party* by Arden Druce

*It Looked Like Spilt Milk* by Shaw

*Mary Wore Her Red Dress* by Merle Peak

*Pete the Cat* by Eric Litwin

*One Red Rooster* by Kathleen Sullivan Carroll

*The Magic Fish* by Freya Littledale

*Does a Kangaroo Have a Mother, Too?* by Eric Carle

*We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rose

## Alphabet Books

*Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Bill Martin, Jr.

*Dr. Seuss's ABC* by Dr. Seuss

*Old Black Fly* by Jim Aylesworth

*A My Name is Alice* by Jane Bayer

*Alphabet Adventure* by Audrey Wood

*Super Hero ABC* by Bob McLeod

## Rhyming Books

*Jazz Baby* by Lisa Wheeler

*Farmers Garden: Rhymes for Two Voices* by David Harrison

*Trucktown Truckery Rhymes* by Jon Scieszka

*Pigs Rock!* By Melanie Davis Jones

*Read Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young* by Jack Pelutsky

*Llama Llama Red Pajama* by Anna Dewdney

*In the Tall Tall Grass* (and others) by Denise Fleming

*Jack and Jill and Other Nursery Rhymes* by Mandy Stanley

*One, Two, Buckle My Shoe* by

*Here Comes Mother Goose* edited by Iona Opie

*There's a Wocket in My Pocket!* by Dr. Seuss

*Silly Sally Went to Town* by Audrey Wood

*Oh Say Can You Say?* by Dr. Seuss